

Director General's Report to Council



by R. T. Mills



Registration Period

Although it may seem quite early, the month of January initiates our intense preparations for the 2014-2015 school year. Registration of siblings and re-registration of all students now in Kindergarten to Secondary IV has already taken place and that for all students new to our system is held until the end of this week.

Total student registration projection is the base factor in planning since our financial resources are tied directly to that number. Thus, I encourage all of our community to speak to their neighbours and friends and, particularly to new arrivals, regarding the excellence and richness of our offerings to students.

Administrative Staffing

As you are undoubtedly aware, a number of retirements have taken place at the level of our in-school administration, creating immediate or impending changes in the administrative leadership of several of our schools. This is also the time of year at which we begin the overall administrative staffing process for the 2014 - 2015 school year. At the senior administrative level, we review the overall staffing picture in all of our schools and centers, taking into consideration the needs of each of our schools and centers, input from the individual communities and career aspirations of our personnel.

As an essential part of this process, Governing Boards are invited to submit input as to the needs of their individual schools. I assure you that this information is taken into careful consideration and thus encourage Governing Boards to submit the documentation by the required deadline.

This process is always challenging but, at the same time, very exciting as we attempt to match the abilities of our personnel with the input received, always considering the overall needs of our entire system.

Staff Appreciation Week

Since its inception, the Lester B. Pearson School Board has been recognized for its excellence in the preparation of students, a recognition that relates directly to the commitment and quality of its staff members in the wide variety of functions carried out. Our staff members, whether they be administrators, custodial staff, Maintenance Department personnel, secretarial and technical support staff, non-teaching professionals or teachers, are persons who strive to the

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CPC Launches Petition Opposing Charter

by Alycia Ambroziak

Calling Bill 60 a diversionary tactic from the real issues facing Quebec, the Central Parents' Committee at the Lester B. Pearson School Board has launched a petition opposing the Quebec government's proposed Charter of Values.

"...the idea of having Ethics and Religious Culture curriculum in our children's education and not allowing their teachers display their religious beliefs by wearing a piece of jewelry or piece of cloth is preposterous," said CPC Chairperson Laura Derry, noting that the CPC also prepared a brief opposing the proposed charter.

"The Central Parents Committee wants to be clear that we are against this Bill," added Derry. "We invite those in disagreement with Bill 60 to sign the petition found on the National Assembly web site."

Hearings on Bill 60 - which would prohibit public sector employees, including teachers, from wearing religious clothing such as kippas and turbans and symbols such as crucifixes, while at work - began Tuesday (Jan. 14) in Quebec City. The school board, which filed its own brief opposing Bill 60, as well as the CPC are waiting to be scheduled to present their briefs at the hearings, which are expected to last a couple of months.

In its brief, the CPC stated that

the government has failed to provide any evidence to support the need for this legislation.

"The CPC... sees this proposed legislation trying to deal with a non-existent problem that is distracting from real issues Quebec faces," according to the CPC brief. "Let's send a strong and unequivocal message to the government to tackle the real issues, like proper funding for public education and the efficient delivery of public services, for the sake of our children's future."

Mike Nalez, Vice-Chairperson of the CPC, noted that Bill 60 would impose a limitation on personal freedoms.

"We feel the charter wants to impose a cultural uniformity and hegemony, and this must be re-

sisted," he said. "As parents, we strive that our children learn to accept and respect differences."

"The charter sends a message that is contrary to the inherent teachings of our children," he added. "The proposed Bill 60 infringes on individual rights"

The CPC can be reached at 514-422-3000 ext 3299 or cpc@lbpearson.qc.ca

Here is the link for the petition: English

<https://www.assnat.qc.ca/en/exprimez-votre-opinion/petition/Petition-4549/index.html>

French <https://www.assnat.qc.ca/fr/exprimez-votre-opinion/petition/Petition-4549/index.html>

The CPC brief can be found at <http://cpc.lbpsb.qc.ca/>

Chairman's Report to Council



by Suanne Stein Day



Happy new year to all. I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday filled with family and joy. I know that many of our school communities work with incredible commitment and generosity just prior to the holidays to allow more families to share in the joy. I had the extreme pleasure to join David Chisholm and David Meloche in delivering Christmas baskets collected by the St. Charles community to the Verdun community. I was truly surprised that Christmas baskets no longer resemble a basket in any way, but rather a car load. We filled several vans of food, clothing, strollers, household goods for seven families to benefit from. I know that St. Charles was not the only school to do this and I'm very proud to be associated with such a generous community.

I also got to share a holiday lunch put on by the Home and School at St. Patrick's - a full turkey lunch for all students and staff. It was amazing and delicious. And I joined what seemed like the entire St. Telesphore community for the Soulanges Spaghetti Dinner and holiday show! What a delight. Thank you to all the schools who invited me to their shows, concerts and celebrations. It definitely put me in the holiday spirit.

Lester B. Pearson prepared and submitted its brief on Bill 60. We have not yet been informed of a date to present to the committee in the national assembly. We stand by the words that we wrote and while they are harsh, we feel they reflect the feelings of our school board staff and our constituents. We certainly received a lot of positive press as a result of the submission. The brief can be seen on the LBPSB website.

I had the honor of participating as a judge for Lindsay Place High School Science Fair. This fair seems to grow not only in numbers each year, but also in quality. The projects were creative, well thought out and well presented.

In a similar vein, John Rennie High School will be hosting a robotics competition this spring and is getting ready for that event.

February brings Staff Appreciation Week and it's a great opportunity for this board to express their gratitude for all staff for everything they do for our students. They are truly our greatest asset.

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Central Parents' Committee and the Pearson Educational Foundation Present a Girls' Date Out

No topic is off the table at Girls' Date Out, a series of workshops for girls, moms, daughters, aunts - and even grandmas - taking place Feb. 8 at Lindsay Place High School in Pointe Claire.

"This event for girls aged 12 to 99, promises to be a day you won't forget," said Nan Beaton, a member of the board of the Pearson Educational Foundation which, along with the Lester B. Pearson School Board's Central Parents' Committee, is hosting the event.

"We wanted to provide girls and women the opportunity to broaden their knowledge with topics that could affect all females some-

time during the lives - all while keeping it fun and interactive for all ages," Beaton added.

There are 15 workshops in all, a lunch-time fashion show, vendor kiosks and more, including keynote speaker Melinda Atkinson, who has been an entrepreneur since the age of 14 when she opened a piano school in the front room of her parents' house.

"Melinda's presentation title 'The Search Within' will motivate you to live your life with purpose and meaning," Laura Derry, Chairperson of the Central Parents' Committee, said adding that Atkinson will share stories about successful women who've inspired her and include personal testimony of her own coming of age years

as well as key principles to living a happy and inspired life.

The workshops include:

- Welcome to the World of Tattoo and Piercing
- Strong Girls to Wise Women
- What's Happening to Me?
- Interior Decorating and Display
- Your Life, Your Brand, Your Business
- Party planning
- Welcome to the World of Acting
- Winter Tips for healthy Skin and Hair - Create your own skin and hair products
- Personal Safety
- Welcome to the World of Fashion

- Scrapbooking
- Communication Skills for Young Women,
- Sommellerie and Wine tasting (must be 18 and up)
- Acne and Adolescence
- Lace Up Your Running Shoes and Get Healthy

Registration for the event is a must. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$15 for students. Box lunches will be available for purchase at the event.

Girls' Date out takes place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 8 at Lindsay Place High School, 111 Broadview in Pointe Claire.

To register, go to www.lbpsb.qc.ca or call 514-422-3000, ext. 3299 for more information.

Lakeside Academy at the Google Summit

On the 7th and 8th December 2013 LPBSB hosted the first Montreal Google Summit at Lakeside Academy. Since the launch of the Chromebook 1:1 for Everyone program at Lakeside the staff have been working hard to learn about Google Apps for Education. This was a perfect opportunity for many teaching staff to really learn about what could be done and to be inspired. The vast majority of Lakeside teachers were there on this two-day summit and they all came away talking about what workshops they had been to, how they could incorporate it into their classrooms and how inspired

they were. The presenters were informative and gave great practical tips which could be put to use straight away. The Lakeside

Academy students were also involved in being chaperones to the over 500 participants that came from across North America and

they did an amazing job showing people around, making sure the presenters had everything they needed and helping at lunchtime. It is actually very difficult to explain how inspirational the summit was. On the half day in the following week the staff met to discuss what they had learned.

"It was truly an eye-opening experience to the endless possibilities that are available for our students. Our students become more than receivers of information in our classroom, they become creators and teachers with the addition of technology at their fingertips. It is an exciting time to be a teacher," said teacher Sarah Macaskill.



Mixology on Offer at the Pearson School of Culinary Arts

Do you like food, tasting wine and mixing cocktails? Wouldn't it be great to learn how to properly pair cocktails and food - or how about the art of flair bartending?

The Pearson School of Culinary Arts has just the career offering for you - along with a free workshop called the Art of Mixology to give you a taste of what it's all about.

"If you like food, wines and cocktails, Mixology allows you to combine these passions into a well-paid career," said Pierre Auclair, pedagogical consultant at the Pearson Adult and Career Centre (PACC).

He said the free workshop -

which takes place Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. at PACC, 8310 rue George in Ville La Salle - is being offered to candidates interested in taking the school's Food and Beverage Service program or the Wine Service program.

Both programs are tuition-free and can lead to a fulfilling career, said Auclair adding that PACC also offers a course in becoming a sommelier - that is, learning all about wine procurement, storage, food and wine pairing and expert service to wine consumers.

"And just like pairing wine with food, the Mixology workshop, part

of the centre's Food and Beverage programs, will not only teach the art of making cocktails but the art of pairing food and cocktails as well," said Auclair.

He said the Food and Beverage and Wine Service programs are essentially bilingual - that is, they are taught in English with extensive use of French for work integration purposes, giving both English and French-speaking students a chance to brush up their language skills.

At Pearson School of Culinary Arts, which has a strong reputation for excellence, students can also learn to work in a variety of

positions in the food industry, including baking, pastry-making, contemporary cuisine, professional cooking, restaurant services and much more.

As well, PACC is home to Le Saucier, a very affordable gourmet-class dining room open to the public throughout the year. Le Saucier is used as part of the training in the LBPSB's professional cooking, market cuisine and restaurant services programs.

Registration for The Art of Mixology workshop is required. For information and registration, contact Auclair at paucclair@lbpsb.qc.ca

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best of their abilities to provide service to our learning community. Their tasks are demanding both physically and intellectually yet, day after day, we see in our schools and centres a deep respect for one another and for the students with whom they work.

We try daily to let them know how important they are, how critical they are to our mission but those thanks are often lost in the rush of daily activity. Thus, on behalf of a very grateful Senior Administration, I extend admiration and thanks to all who serve our educational community in so many ways. You are truly remarkable!

School Bus Safety Campaign

This annual initiative will be taking place province-wide from February 3 to February 14, a publicity blitz that is of great importance to all of us. This will feature commercials emphasizing the important role that we share as adults, parents and staff members, in reinforcing for our children safe habits on the school bus and while walking to and from school. In addition, I wish to emphasize the need for extra caution in school zones and while dropping off and picking up children. I encourage all parents to take a moment during this time to have a word with their youngsters about the difficult role assigned to our school bus drivers and of their dedication to the safety of their riders.



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Elementary Volleyball Tournament at John Abbott

by Alycia Ambroziak



More than a thousand Cycle 2 students are taking part in the Lester B. Pearson School Board's Elementary Volleyball Tournament. This

year, 30 elementary schools are participating in the Jan. 7, 8 and 9 event at John Abbott college. On Tuesday, 471 students from Forest Hill Sr, St. Edmund, St. Lawrence Sr, Terry Fox, Dorset, St. Charles, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary, Orchard Elementa-

ry, Wilder Penfield, and St. John Fisher Sr. got to play the courts at the Ste. Anne de Bellevue Cegep. On Wednesday, 354 students from Evergreen, Sherwood Forest, Children's World, Edgewater, St. Patrick, Verdun, Margaret Manson, Beacon Hill St. Paul and

Christmas Park are playing and on Thursday, 420 students from Maple Grove, Allion, Greendale, Sunshine, Thorndale, Riverview, Beechwood, Westpark, Birchwood, and Mount Pleasant will be taking part in the tournament. On Tuesday, physical education lead-

ership students from Westwood Senior High School took on refereeing duties on the ten courts; on Wednesday and Thursday, physical education leadership students from Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School will referee the 10 courts.



LBPSB, Burovision Team Up to Transform L.C.C.H.S. Classroom

by Alycia Ambroziak



What happens when three classrooms get transformed into state-of-the-art facilities, with new furniture, computers and Smartboards? Quite a lot, it seems.

Just ask student Jena Glennane, enrolled in Work Oriented Training Pathways (WOTP), a three-year Ministry of Education (MELS) semi-skilled trades program at LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School.

"The old wood chairs ... are now gone and the new chairs are really comfortable for the back," said Jena of the newly-painted room with bright plastic yellow chairs, desks and wall units as well as new computers and a smart board and white board.

"This is a big change from last year - and the new technology makes it easier and more fun to learn."

The transformation of three rooms - the Balanced Day room for students with moderate to significant intellectual delays, the

Resource room for students who could use extra support and the WOPT room were updated and modernized due to a partnership with Burovision, a full-service office furniture dealership head-

quartered in Montreal with a warehouse in Ville LaSalle.

"They are a company with a huge heart," said LCCHS Vice principal Peggy Grant, noting that Burovision funded the costs of all

the new furniture and computer mounts while the Lester B. Pearson School Board purchased the computers and smart boards.

"We are thrilled to have such a caring community partner."

For his part, Burovision President Renzo Fraraccio said the company began helping schools four years ago, with a library project at a school in the Hochelaga district.

"We get a lot of calls from various organizations looking for cash donations," he said. "And even though we were happy to help, we wanted to do more."

Every year since then, Burovision's Get Inspired program has helped to refurbish learning rooms in schools across the city. This year, a friend told Fraraccio about the Programs at LCCHS. "We wanted to make a difference in the day-to-day life of students," he said. "And for an investment of approximately \$25,000, it was an easy decision."

Perhaps, but that decision has made a big difference at the school.

"This investment confirms commitment and interest in our program and in our students," said LCCHS teacher Darren Rowe. His co-worker, teacher Kerrie Bremner said the changes have made students "more confident and inspired."

"They are proud of their space."



Junior Leadership Day Focuses on Students Teaching Students

by Alycia Ambroziak



When children reach their pre-teen and teen years, the opinions of their friends and fellow students take on more and more importance.

That's why organizers of the Lester B. Pearson School Board's second annual Junior Leadership Day have decided that this time round, the focus will be on students teaching students.

"...the angle is truly connecting our elementary leadership kids with today's high school leadership students," said Michael Rabinovitch, principal at Beechwood Elementary school in Pierrefonds, where the February 7 event is taking place.

This year, students from 31 elementary schools and six high schools will get together to focus on the value of being leaders in a digital world.

"The theme is one of great impor-

tance... it impacts how students work and socialize in the ever-changing digital age," said Nathia Messina, principal at St. Edmund Elementary in Beaconsfield, who, along with Rabinovitch, is one of the two leading organizers behind the across-the-board Junior Leadership Day.

Sessions at the day-long event will focus primarily on leadership, communication and teamwork skills, highlighting many aspects of LBPSB's Digital Citizenship Pro-

gram.

Rabinovitch said Ian Tyson, a motivational speaker and author of Better Living Through Comedy will be the keynote speaker at the event. "He will talk about the high school years, his experiences, and how high school programs are great opportunities to explore leadership... a time to become involved in so many great programs," said Rabinovitch, noting that Tyson's performance last year was very popular among students.

As well, Messina underlined the importance of the high school students who will be working behind the scenes throughout the event. "Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School will again send their team of leadership students to coordinate the elementary groups, hand out snacks and lunches, organize all the set-ups that are required - all while filming the day in order to present the elementary students with a video at the closing ceremony."

Childrens' World Digital Citizens Exhibit

by Alycia Ambroziak



If anyone knows about the do's and don'ts of online information, it's the grade 6 students at Children's World Academy.

They've been studying how the new digital media changes the way people access information and connect to each other.

And on Jan. 23, the students will share what they've discovered at an exhibition on new information and communication technologies.

"There will various kiosks that examine our responsibility in

the virtual environment - such things as how to evaluate the

quality of the online information, how new communication technologies transform social interaction and the outcomes of the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) on our health and environment," said Sonia Bouchard, the Primary Years Programme Coordinator at Children's World Academy in Ville LaSalle. She said the project began with a symposium day in November at which comments from guest speakers in different fields of expertise sparked students' curiosity about the many faces of ICT.

Since then, the students have been doing a lot of research and putting together what they learned into the exhibition.

Just ask Grade 6 student Julien Coté.

"Working on the exhibition has been a really positive experience," he said. "I like that we were able to do this project in teams - it's helped me develop my research, organization and social skills."

The exhibition, which is open to the public, takes place from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Jan. 23 at Children's World Academy, 2241 Ménard in Ville LaSalle. For more information, call 514-595-2043.



Left to right: Rachel Hector and Kinnari Patel, two of the grade 6 students taking part in the exhibition at Children's World's Academy.

The Evergreen Community

by Ingrid Farkas

1 1 4 All schools have something special that they are known for, something that attracts parents and makes them feel like it is the right place for their children. What Evergreen has is a true community spirit which comes from the many parents, students, and educators who work together to improve and advance the quality of student life.

We all know the African proverb "It takes a village to raise a child". We all use it, we all smile and nod our agreement, but do we ever really think about what that means? At Evergreen it seems we do and it is this community spirit that makes Evergreen stand apart from other schools. It also fosters a very welcoming and accepting attitude at the school. What this means is that people don't have to worry about not belonging. The idea is that there is something for everybody at our school and the community spirit that lives within is fueled by this philosophy.

According to Kirstin Bennett, co-vice president of Home & School, "Everybody's ideas and input are welcome." The belief is that Evergreen is a place of traditional values and that means family involvement is encouraged. Home & School works very hard to nurture a sense of belonging through various initiatives such as the family winter fair, promoting spirit wear, the year end family BBQ and most importantly encouraging family connection within the school. Mostly they want people to know that they don't have to do it all, but the door is open and there is something for everyone.

Ms. Bennett says "As a volunteer, you don't have to have the time, just have the heart." This attitude opens the door to many parents who might otherwise feel that volunteering is not an option for them. There are several ways to take part in enhancing the school life experience, be it volunteering in the library, the classrooms or office, helping out at special events or simply baking treats for fundraisers. Home & School tries to involve parents in any way that they are comfortable with. They encourage the thought that everybody has a role to play. Without the effort and support of the many volunteers, Bennett admits that several programs and initiatives would not be the success that they are.

Another important fact is that Evergreen teachers see value in having extra help and keeping the link between home and school strong. Kids love to see their parents in school and this is why

many teachers welcome parent volunteers into their classrooms, starting in kindergarten and going all the way up to grade 6. Studies have shown that parent involvement often correlates with higher academic performance and at Evergreen such opportunities are plentiful. The best part is that the quality of education keeps improving due to the fact that the people who choose to be a part of the Evergreen family are true believers in the idea that it is important to have a voice in your child's school life. In addition, many parents appreciate the chance to have insight into what is going on in the classroom, as well as to develop a relationship with their child's teachers.

When asked why they volunteer, parents highlight the amazing example that they are setting for their children:

"I do it [volunteer] because giving back to society has always been an important part of my life and it is a value I want to share with my kids." (Christina Amert, mother of 3 and Home & School membership coordinator)

"There are many reasons why I enjoy volunteering at the Evergreen Elementary School library as a co-coordinator. [It] provides me with a sense of accomplishment that I help to run a library and encourage literacy.... Last, but not least, I get to spend quality time with my kids, while teaching them the value and importance of helping others." (Cindie van der Vlist, mother of 2 and library co-coordinator)

"I truly enjoy my time spent volunteering at Kiss-n-Drop. I remember seeing other parent volunteers and thinking how dedicated they must be, to be there day after day. But now that I do it only 1-day a week... I realize a little goes a long way." (Rob Farkas, father of 4 and Friday Kiss and Drop volunteer)

"I want to make a difference in my kid's educational experience by encouraging others to work together to make my kid's day to day experience a better one." (Kirstin Bennett, mother of 2 and Home & School co-vice president)

These sentiments reflect those of a much larger group, that which is the Evergreen Community. Not every school succeeds in creating such a cohesive learning environment, but this characteristic is an important part of Evergreen's philosophy. At the heart of our school is the belief that the best way to provide our children with a solid education and promising future is to unite as a whole and work together. Evergreen Elementary, our very own village raising the children of tomorrow.

Lakeside Academy Science Fair 2013

1 1 4 On Friday 13th December 2013 Lakeside Academy hosted its annual Science Fair. This year's event was even bigger than last with an incredible 143 projects being submitted and exhibited. Everybody in Sec 1 to 4 takes part in this annual event and the Sec 5 Physics and Chemistry students take part by being judges.

This year the standard of the projects was amazing, which made the judging of them that much harder.

The students came in the morning and set up their display and got ready for the judging in the afternoon.

The students then came back in the evening and the gym was opened up to the public to come and see the exhibits. There was then an Awards Ceremony in the

auditorium where the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honourable mentions got their certificates and medals.

The following students were the winners in each year group:

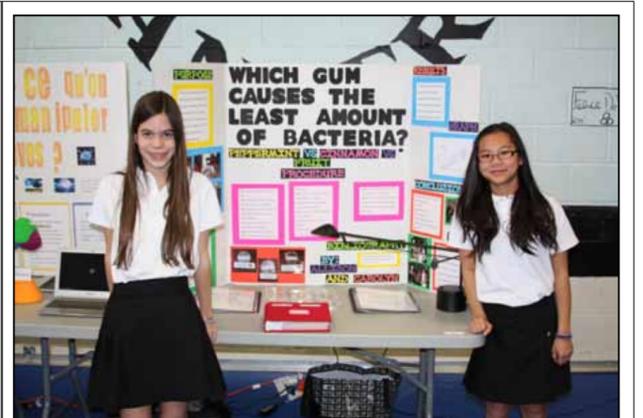
Sec. 1: Carolyn Pauletto and Allison Kwang; Sec. 2: Simane Warsame; Sec. 3: Marco Ferrante, Sec. 4: Both given 1st place Jamie Lewis (Design) and Amylia Di Iorio Decker (Experimentation).

There was also a Judge's luncheon provided by the students in the Work Orientated Training Path program (WOTP) who set up the kitchen and a classroom like a restaurant. They provided an amazing bean lasagne, a salad bar and a wide selection of homemade cakes that had the Judges coming back for more.

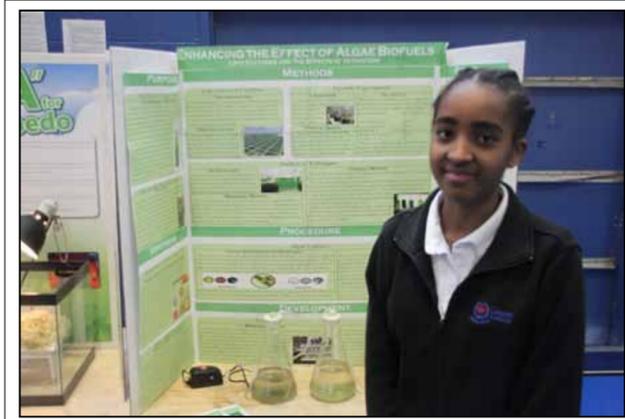
Many thanks to Mr. Preston and his team for once again putting on a wonderful Science Fair.



143 Projects at Lakeside's science fair



Carolyn Pauletto and Allison Kwang



Simane Warsame



Marco Ferrante



Jamie Lewis



Amylia Di Iorio Decker

The Earth Rangers Visit Successful Cycle 2 Classes at Verdun Elementary School

by Alycia Ambroziak

1 1 3 4 It was an exciting day for Cycle 2 students at Verdun Elementary School on Dec. 9 when the Earth Rangers came to visit, bringing

four at-risk animals, including a falcon, coral lizard and barn owl for students to see and learn about. The school launched a competition in November to see which Cycle could earn the most "respect coupons" and win a chance to

sit in on the Earth Rangers presentation. With 88 coupons in the three Cycle 2 classes, their respectful acts earned them the right to learn how we can show respect for animals and the environment as well. The Earth Rangers team spoke to students

about biodiversity loss and animals at risk as well as the four new conservation projects the non-profit group is helping to protect: the Western bumble bee, the barn swallow, the Beluga whale and the Blanding's Turtle.

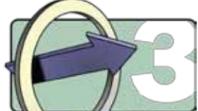
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Honour Roll Breakfast At Lakeside

3 4 On 2nd December 2013 Lakeside Academy once again celebrated the success of the students who had made Honour Roll by achieving an average grade of over 80% during term 1. Over 200 students managed this feat and were in-

ited to a celebratory breakfast. There were bagels, croissants, fruit, cookies, juices and chocolate milk all served by the staff at Lakeside.

A draw was held to choose a lucky winner from each level. Congratulations to the five recipients of a \$15 Chapters voucher; Allison Kwang, Wil-

liam Weaver, Julianne Madden, Malisa Patel and Michelle Sabourin.

Well done to all the students for making the list and we wish you a successful Term 2.

A big thank you to all the staff for making it such a wonderful celebration for the students of Lakeside Academy.



Peaceful Schools International

By Judy Grant,
Regional Coordinator

3 4 This month's criteria of a Peaceful School is "TEACHING METHODS THAT STRESS PARTICIPATION, COOPERATION, PROBLEM-SOLVING AND RESPECT".

A peaceful classroom is a community of learners. It is a place where students work together and support each other. Discussions, small group work, attention to individual needs, opportunities for choice and critical thinking, an open-mindedness and acceptance of differing views, risk-taking without fear of ridicule – are examples of a peaceful learning environment.

This wonderful ethos does not just happen. The mission state-

ment of PSI is to "establish and maintain a culture of peace". The classroom culture is developed and orchestrated by caring and committed teachers. They create learning opportunities that address not only the content, but



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also – and of equal importance – the process and the skills to be acquired. These teaching method decisions address the cross-curricular competencies and broad areas of learning, such as communication skills, teamwork, organi-

zational skills and social skills.

Many of our PSI Student Peace Summits and Conflict Resolution Training Packs include the story of the "IALAC sign" (I Am Likeable And Capable). It reminds us that we all come into the classroom wanting to be liked and to experience success. The story encourages students to consider how their words and actions impact each other's "signs" – for better and for worse.

This PSI criteria highlights that our choice of teaching methods can establish and maintain the ABC'S of a peaceful classroom – an "A"ceptance of each student, an inclusive environment in which each student can "B"elong and learning activities in which each of them has an opportunity to be "C"apable of success.

SNAC Chat February

by Sandra Buckingham
Chairperson, LBPSB Special
Needs Advisory Committee

Upcoming Parent Workshop:
Feb 13

SNAC will be offering a free seminar, open to all parents of students with special needs, at the School Board [1925 Brookdale, Dorval]:

Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7pm:

"Kids that Jiggle and Wiggle: Strategies for Students with Challenging Behaviours" Based on the latest brain research.

Understanding gender differences in behaviour and ADHD. Tips to promote success.

Please pre-register by email snac@lbpearson.qc.ca
Please send us your feedback:
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All parents of children with special needs were sent a printed IEP

Resource Kit, to help parents prepare for IEP meetings. We would love to hear your feedback. Was the kit helpful during your IEP meeting this year? We encourage any comments or suggestions to be sent by email to snac@lbpearson.qc.ca.

Please JOIN our Mailing List!

SNAC would like to advise you about upcoming parent workshops, seminars and other items of inter-



When is the next SNAC Meeting?

The next meeting of the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) will be:

- February 19, 2014: with a special presentation regarding the use of educational technology for students with special needs within LBPSB. SNAC meetings are held monthly at the LBPSB School Board, and all are welcome to attend. Reports summarizing the issues discussed during our meetings are posted on our website. For more information about who we are and what we do, please visit the SNAC website at <http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca>. Should you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us via email at snac@lbpearson.qc.ca.

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On behalf of the Special Needs Advisory Committee, I wish you and your child all the best in 2014!

In the News...

- Jan 01 - (LBPSB) High school students using Google technology. January edition of Montreal Families
- Jan 01 - The Year in review: Iron Chefs battle at PCHS. The Chronicle
- Jan 03 - re Bill 60 Brief:
 - Global TV re Bill 60 Brief
 - CTV re Bill 60 Brief
 - CJAD re Bill 60 Brief
 - Hudson Gazette re Bill 60 brief
 - CBC TV re Bill 60 Brief
 - CBC Radio Homerun re Bill 60 Brief
- Jan 05 - CBC re Back to School
- Jan 08 - School Board condemns charter of values. The Chronicle
- Jan 08 - Anglo community should be proud of Pearson Board's stand against the PQ's value charter. West Island Gazette
- Jan 08 - School Board Elections present hope for progress in 2014 – The Suburban
- Jan 08 - LBPSB defies 'hate promoting' charter. Hudson Gazette-Vaudreuil-Soulanges
- Jan 08 - Spreading Christmas Cheer at Verdun Elementary. Westwood weekly, Hudson Gazette-Vaudreuil-Soulanges
- Jan 09 - Hudson Gazette follow up re Bill 60 Brief
- Jan 09 - PQ's charter an open invitation to bullying : EMS chair – the segment begins with LBPSB's stand on Bill 60. CJAD
- Jan 11 - Elementary students participate in volleyball tournament, with PIX. Premier Edition
- Jan 13 - Score with School. Applause column in The Montreal Gazette
- Jan 14 - Interview with Paralympian Benoit St. Amand at Mount Pleasant Elementary School. CBC Radio
- Jan 15 - Parents'committee at Pearson school board opposed to Bill 60. The Montreal Gazette
- Jan 15 - Interview with LBPSB Central Parents Committee regarding petition opposing charter of values. CJAD
- Jan 15 - CTV interview with Michel Ross, chef and teacher at the Pearson Adult and Career Centre (response to a news story about woman who fell ill after eating steak tartare at a Montreal restaurant). CTV News
- Jan 15 - Bill 60 restrictions sending mixed messages to students – interview with LBPSB Chairman Suanne Stein Day. Hudson Gazette-Vaudreuil-Soulanges
- Jan 15 - Pearson board slams charter of values. L'Etoile
- Jan 15 - Exposition concernant les nouvelles technologies de l'information – Children's World Academy. Le Messenger – LaSalle
- Jan 16 - Global about fighting in LaSalle
- Jan 17 - CBC re fighting in LaSalle
- Jan 18 - Fighting in High Schools. CBC Radio and TV ; CJAD; Global
- Jan 20 - Les jeunes chefs – l'autre compétition sans la television. (story about culinary Olympics on Feb. 19 at the Pearson School of Culinary Arts). Actualite et Conseil, a restaurant, hotel and tourism magazine.
- Jan 22 - LBPSB Parents' Committee launch petition against PQ's Charter of Values. The Suburban
- Jan 24 - CJAD re QAA Closing
- Dec 11 - Hundreds wear white for Mandela. Hudson Gazette-Vaudreuil-Soulanges.
- Dec 11 - Westwood track to honour Bryan Liew. Hudson Gazette-Vaudreuil-Soulanges.
- Dec 11 - Student Teacher returns to say thanks. Hudson Gazette-Vaudreuil-Soulanges.
- Dec 11 - In Honour of a Great Man. Westwood Weekly/ Hudson Gazette-Vaudreuil-Soulanges
- Dec 11 - Score with Schools Winners announced. Hudson Gazette-Vaudreuil-Soulanges.
- Dec 12 - Hundreds wear white for Mandela. Montreal Times
- Dec 14 - Westwood Bridge to Burundi – Championing Mandelans' legacy of peace, compassion and equality. Premier Edition
- Dec 16 - High school Battle of the Books aims to promote reading. West Island Gazette
- Dec 16 - Track at Westwood Jr. High School to be named for Bryan Liew. West Island Gazette.
- Dec 18 - West Island School Breaking Stereotypes – John Rennie and First Nations school in Northern Quebec. The Chronicle
- Dec 18 - Pearson to publish values charter brief Friday. The Suburban
- Dec 18 - Holiday art contest winners; students at Soulanges Elementary. Hudson Gazette-Vaudreuil-Soulanges.
- Dec 19 - Global TV about implementing the provisions of Bill 60
- Dec 19 - Pres de 400 étudiants a la 8e edition de Faire le Bon choix – LaSalle Comprehensive High School . Le Messenger, LaSalle.
- Dec 20 - Global TV recording from St. Edmund's Pyjama Day before the holidays
- Dec 20 - Global Morning TV show live from St. Edmund Elementary on Dec. 20. Global TV
- Dec 20 - LBPSB says PQ's proposed secular charter is the 2013 version of "Speak White" – Yahoo News
- Dec 20 - LBPSB against secular charter. Homerun, CBC Radio
- Dec 20 - LBPSB condemns charter of values. CTV
- Dec 20 - Secular charter is 2013's "Speak White", says LBPSB. CBC Radio
- Dec 20 - Lester B. Pearson School Board denounces secular charter. CBC TV
- Dec 20 - Charter a modern-day version of "Speak White" – LBPSB. CJAD
- Dec 24 - LBPSB releases brief denouncing PQ's value charter. The Suburban.

Below is a list of Commissioners along with their home telephone numbers and school board locals.

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1	Verdun/Nuns' Island	Douglas Flook	514-293-2417	4001
2	LaSalle South	Sergio Borja	514-366-1611	4002
3	LaSalle Northeast	Ruben Fazio	514-365-1638	4003
4	LaSalle West/Ville St-Pierre	Frank di Bello	514-951-5834	4004
5	Lachine	Patrick Whitham	514-800-9240	4005
6	Dorval	Barbara Freeston	514-636-9315	4006
7	Dollard-des-Ormeaux East	Nan Beaton	514-683-0491	4007
8	Roxboro/Pierrefonds East	Craig Berger	514-421-6570	4008
9	Pointe-Claire East	Linton Garner	514-696-7892	4009
10	Pointe-Claire West	Marc Lalonde	514-426-7124	4010
11	Dollard-des-Ormeaux Center	Ruth Dangoor Gdalevitch	514-906-7320	4011
12	Pierrefonds/Île Bizard	Domenico Pavone	514-613-2684	4012
13	Dollard-des-Ormeaux Center/West	Martin Sherman	514-684-2742	4013
14	Dollard-des-Ormeaux W./Kirkland E.	Joe Zemanovich	514-624-2376	4014
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16	Kirkland West	Suanne Stein Day	514-613-2684	2322
17	Pierrefonds West	Luisa Bulgarelli-Vero	514-694-0475	4017
18	Ste-Anne/Baie d'Urfé/Beaconsfld S./Senneville	Judy Kelley	514-697-7619	4018
19	Île Perrot	Susan Bartlett-Lewis	514-453-6650	4019
20	Les Cèdres/Vaudreuil-Dorion	Angela Nolet	514-453-5462	2299
21	Hudson/St-Lazare	Daniel Olivenstein	450-458-1413	4021
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CPC	Elementary Representative	Alexander Perelmiter	514-675-4567	4027
Executive Committee			February 17, 2014 5:30 p.m.	Board Room
Council of Commissioners			February 24, 2014 7:30 p.m.	Board Room